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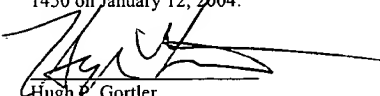
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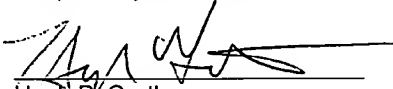
This amendment responds to the office action dated August 11, 2003. The amendment includes a section for amendments to the claims, and a section for remarks.

A petition for a TWO month extension of time is attached. The petition extends the shortened statutory period for response until January 12, 2004, since January 11 falls on a Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,

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